



US 95 MP 42 to Cibola Lake Road

Engineering and Environmental Study



PUBLIC MEETING

February 5, 2008

Purpose of Meeting

Welcome to the public meeting for the US Highway 95 (US 95) Milepost (MP) 42 to Cibola Lake Road project. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are conducting this public information meeting to seek public comments about possible improvements along US 95 between approximate MP 42 and Cibola Lake Road, located near MP 82. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present the alternatives that are being considered for further study and, more importantly, to obtain your input.

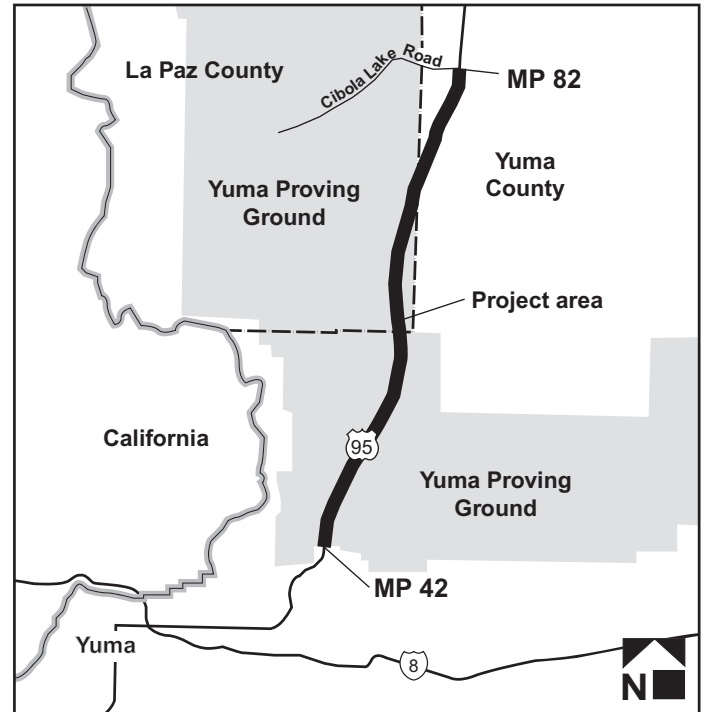
The study limits have been revised since the first public meeting held in August 2007. Since then, the northern limits have been extended from MP 66 further north to Cibola Lake Road near MP 82, to provide a more logical terminus for the study.

Project Background

US 95 is a two-lane roadway serving as the north-south link between Interstate 8 in Yuma and Interstate 10 in Quartzsite. US 95 functions as a trade route for commerce between Mexico and the United States. Within the study area, US 95 provides access to the YPG for commercial and military vehicles and also conveys agricultural and recreational traffic, since it provides access to Martinez and Mittry Lakes and the Colorado River and Imperial Dam recreational facilities.

This corridor experiences large increases of traffic during the winter months due to seasonal visitors and agricultural workers. Growth in the Yuma area and in YPG has steadily increased traffic along US 95. This project focuses on studies designed to address increasing regional transportation demand by studying alternatives that will increase capacity and improve operational characteristics of the US 95 roadway.

US 95 is also prone to flooding within the study area. There are several areas where water overtops the existing roadway during heavy storms, resulting in lengthy closures of US 95 until the flooding subsides and the roadway becomes passable again.



Project area

Alternatives

A range of alternatives have been developed for the possible roadway improvements of a four-lane divided highway from MP 42 to MP 70.2. With the exception of the no build alternative, each alternative would include proposed rehabilitation of the existing pavement between MP 70.2 and Cibola Lake Road.

No Build Alternative – The No Build Alternative would include no roadway improvements, and no new roadway would be constructed.

Alternative A would provide a new four-lane divided highway with new northbound lanes being constructed to the east of the existing US 95 roadway. The existing US 95 roadway would be used for the southbound lanes.

Alternative B would provide a new four-lane divided highway with new southbound lanes being constructed to the west of the existing US 95 roadway. The existing US 95 roadway would be used for the northbound lanes.

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